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1. TOKYO NEWSPAPERS OF MAR 18 REPORTED ON FRENCH-JAPANESE MEETINGS ON SPACE COOPERATION, WHICH CONCLUDED MAR 16 WITH MEETING OF CNES CHAIRMAN LEVY WITH JAPANESE SPACE ACTIVITIES COMMISSION, FOLLOWED BY LEVY PRESS CONFERENCE. FINISHING TOUCHES ARE STILL BEING PART ON JOINT MEMORANDUM, WHICH WAS NOT RELEASED TO PRESS, AND SCIOFF HAS BEEN PROMISED COPY BY COB MAR 18.

2. WHILE PRESS ACCOUNTS ARE NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR (ONE, MAINICHI, SPEAKS OF "AGREEMENT TO SET UP A JAPANESE-FRENCH GROUP OF EXPERTS FOR THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW ROCKET ENGINE."), IT APPEARS THAT UODEHSTANDING WAS LIMITED TO ESTABLISHMENT OF GROUP TO STUDY COOPERATION IN BOOSTER ROCKETS AND OTHER FIELDS. IN PRESS CONFERENCE, LEVY IDENTIFIED ROCKET FIELD AS THAT SHOWING ""GREATEST POSSIBILITY" FOR COOPERATION.

3. CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF RESULTS OF FRENCH-JAPANESE SPACE
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TALKS WILL EMERGE WHEN TEXT OF JOINT MEMORANDUM BECOMES AVAILABLE

AND SCICOUNS IS BRIEFED, AS PROMISED, BY YAMANO OF STA. FOR TIME
BEING, IT APPEARS THAT UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED ARE PROBABLY NOT
IN OPEN CONFLICT WITH PRIOR GOJ DENIALS (REF A) THAT AGREEMENT
ON COOPERATIVE ROCKET DEVELOPMENT WOULD TAKE PLACE AT TALKS.
HOWEVER, RESULTS CONFIRM STRONG INDICATIONS THAT SUCH COOPERATION
WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION AND APPEAR TO MOVE SUCH COOPERATION A
LONG STEP CLOSER TO REALIZATION.
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